

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended) A shield label package comprising:
a plurality of die cut labels formed in a label substrate adhesively secured to a carrier;
and

a protective cover ~~adhesively secured~~ disposed over said die cut labels and secured in place by an adhesive which ~~when said cover is removed, leaves no tacky residue on said cover or said labels~~ disposed about the periphery of said protective cover and said label substrate which when said protective cover is removed, leaves no tacky residue on said cover or said label substrate.

Claim 2 (original) A shielded label package as defined in Claim 1 wherein said adhesive securing said protective cover is a dry peel adhesive.

Claim 3 (original) A shielded label package as defined in Claim 2 wherein said dry peel adhesive is (cured by exposure to ultraviolet radiation.)

Claim 4 (original) A shielded label package as defined in Claim 3 wherein said dry peel adhesive is a cationic adhesive.

Claim 5 (currently amended) A shielded label package as defined in Claim 2 wherein said dry peel adhesive is disposed about the periphery of said package and is ~~displaced from~~ not in contact with said die cut labels.

Claim 6 (currently amended) A shielded label package as defined in Claim 5 wherein said dry peel adhesive is disposed between said protective cover and said ~~die-cut labels~~ label substrate and is (cured by exposure to ultraviolet radiation after said protective cover is secured.)

Claim 7 (original) A shielded label package as defined in Claim 2 wherein said dry peel adhesive is disposed at various positions on said package and is displaced from said die cut labels.

Claim 8 (original) A shielded label package as defined in Claim 7 wherein said dry peel adhesive is disposed between said protective cover and said die cut labels and is cured by exposure to ultraviolet radiation after said protective cover is secured.

Claim 9 (currently amended) A shielded label package comprising:

- (a) a carrier having a front surface;
- (b) a release coating applied to said front surface of said carrier;
- (c) a label substrate having first and second surfaces,
- (d) a pressure sensitive adhesive layer on said first surface securing said label substrate to said front surface of said carrier;
- (e) a plurality of die cut labels in said label substrate;
- (f) dry peel adhesive disposed upon said second surface but not on said die cut labels; and
- (g) a light permeable protective cover secured to said dry peel adhesive, said dry peel adhesive (being cured after said protective cover is secured) so that when said protective cover is removed there is no tacky adhesive residue remaining on said label substrate or said protective layer.

Claim 10 (original) A shielded label package as defined in Claim 7 wherein said dry peel adhesive is (cured by ultraviolet radiation.)

Claim 11 (original) A shielded label package as defined in Claim 8 wherein said dry peel adhesive is a cationic adhesive.

Claim 12 (currently amended) A method of making a shielded label package comprising the steps of:

- (a) providing a label substrate secured to a surface of a carrier with a pressure sensitive adhesive;
- (b) printing a plurality of labels on said label substrate;
- (c) die cutting said plurality of labels;
- (d) applying dry peel adhesive upon said label substrate ~~displaced from~~ but not in contact with said labels;
- (e) securing a light permeable protective cover to said dry peel adhesive; and
- (f) curing said dry peel adhesive.

Claim 13 (currently amended) The method as defined in Claim ~~40~~ 12, wherein said curing step includes passing ultra violet radiation through said light permeable protective cover.

Claim 14 (currently amended) The method as defined in Claim ~~40~~ 12 which includes the further step of sheeting following said curing step.